

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Tuesday, November 23, 2004
9:30a.m.
Dept. of Financial Institutions
324 South State, Suite 200**

Members present:

Mike Brehm – Chair
Greg Critchfield – Vice Chair
Michael Keene
Brent Miller
Bill Barnett

Staff/others present:

Michael Keene
Sharon Cox
Ron Pugmire (for Ray Gesteland)

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Brehm called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes. Chairman Brehm will research and clarify Dr. Ray's Gesteland's membership nomination as referred to in the minutes.

Mike Keene will contact Gary Hooper to ascertain if and when he is going to retire from the council and will generate a letter of recognition for him. Sharon Cox will check to verify that Dr. Hooper and all SAC members received their certificate of appointment.

Tami Goetz was nominated to fill the open council position. Governor Walker is expected to approve her nomination.

II. SAC Business

Governor's Medal:

A motion was approved to appoint SAC Vice Chair, Greg Critchfield as Chair of the Governor's Medal Committee and to recommend that all future SAC Vice Chairs fill this position. Five members volunteered to serve on the committee and an appeal was issued for one additional volunteer. Mike Keene advised that he had previously requested a change in the timing of the Governor's medal from Spring to Fall, so as to prevent it from coinciding with the CEOP reviews. This is not yet approved.

Science Center:

Mike Keene gave a report on the Science Center pointing out that the Salt Lake Chamber listed it as one of the initiatives they support. He discovered that there are resources already in place such as a museum association, and is currently seeking out other resources. He is also working on finding ways to bring these and other institutions and organizations together to encourage regular communication. Once this is done, he will need a representative from both the private sector and universities to attend with him at the first meeting. The chairman suggested that this item be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

SAC Goals & Objectives/Mission Statement/Bylaws:

The chairman informed the members that the Executive Committee had began an assessment of the documents to determine whether or not they needed to be revised and brought up to date. He then asked the members to review the documents and offer their

opinions. After lengthy discussion, a motion was approved to revisit the SAC Goals and Objectives. It was decided to put a 2003 date on the document for the purpose of tracking.

The chairman brought the attention of the members to Statute 9-2-505 of the Bylaws, which outlined objectives for the SAC. This citation encourages the Council to be proactive in exploring and advancing science and technology, in support of economic development in Utah.

III. Presentations to the Governor

The chairman mentioned that previously, it had been a practice of the SAC to hold periodic meetings with the Governor, and questioned whether or not this practice should be re-established.

After some discussion on the Utah economic landscape during which Brent Miller offered comments on the Research Universities Economic Study, it was agreed that a meeting with the new Governor should be arranged. The objective of the meeting would be to exchange information, endorse and analyze. Mike Keene was assigned to set up this meeting.

Dr. Miller offered to give a copy of the Economic Study to members when it is complete.

IV. Other Business

Science Advisor Report

Mike Keene stated that he met with Gene Tracy of the Salt Lake Conventions and Visitors Bureau to discuss ways to improve the Bureau's efforts in targeting scientific organizations, with a view to inviting them to hold their conferences and meetings in Salt Lake City. This effort would raise the profile of Utah's scientific community.

Future Agenda Items

The chairman questioned whether or not a regular report on the CEOP should be made a part of the SAC agenda. Mike Keene suggested that on an annual basis, the SAC could do site visits to one or more center. The chairman agreed.

Referring to the SAC Brochure, the chairman stated that it was not up to date, and questioned whether or not the council should undertake to update it. He pointed out that it's original intent was to be a resource to the Legislature.

Referring to Item 3.3 of the Bylaws, which relates to task force, the chairman offered to research the issue.

Mike Keene reported that the decision has not yet been finalized to hold the ISEF conference in Utah.

Meeting Calendar

It was decided that the council would continue to hold quarterly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 15.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Chairman Brehm will research and clarify Dr. Ray's Gesteland's membership nomination as referred to in the minutes.
2. Sharon Cox will contact Gary Hooper to ascertain if and when he is going to retire from the council and will generate a letter of recognition for him.
3. Sharon Cox will check to verify that Dr. Hooper and all SAC members received their certificate of appointment.
4. Dr. Miller offered to give a copy of the Economic Study to members when it is complete.
5. Referring to Item 3.3 of the Bylaws which relates to task force, the chairman offered to research the issue
6. Sharon Cox will contact the Governor's office regarding status of Tami Goetz nomination.
7. Sharon to contact Governor's office re continuing to hold the Governor's Medal in the Fall (Sept/October).
8. Chairman Brehm will follow up with Mike Keene on the Science Center issue.